

INEEL WATER INTEGRATION PROJECT MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 10, 2002, ID-N

Attendees:

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Following the initial Safety Share, Doug welcomed E.B. Nuckols to the meeting – in person. The group expressed their appreciation to E.B. for serving as the project’s most enthusiastic supporter at Headquarters. Doug asked E.B. to provide his perspective on how Environmental Management (EM) is proceeding in its reorganization and how we could better implement the Water Integration Project given that context. His primary points were:

- There is great uncertainty at Headquarters right now given funding reductions and the shedding of peripheral programs in EM. Of 385 EM positions at Headquarters, about 85 have clear job assignments. This is leading to a rather chaotic environment as most personnel are pursuing alternate work opportunities. One example is EM 50 where the budget has been reduced from \$312M down to \$90M. GS-15 personnel are being moved around and a more aggressive reshuffling of SES personnel is expected in Stage 2 reorganization.
- The Water Integration Project team should prepare concise white papers describing the technical impediments to achieving completion of INEEL cleanup projects on schedule, with particular emphasis on funding the cumulative risk assessment tool and information management/electronic library components that currently are not funded for FY 03. A trip to Washington DC was recommended for Doug and Jeff in early October to make the case for this important work.

Doug Burns briefly reviewed the Action Tracking Log and 30-day Schedule. Al Yonk distributed the draft matrix entitled “VZ/GW Roadmap Milestone Dates with Associated Uncertainties”* for review by the team. It should be noted that the Teton Soil Conservation District briefing that was originally scheduled for July 16th is now set for Monday, August 5th from 11:30-1:30 p.m. in Jackson. The Idaho Migrant Council briefing also is being rescheduled due to time conflicts.

Doug also shared two colorful, graphic illustrations of 1) how the Water Integration Project relates to other INEEL activities and 2) what Integration work opportunities overlap with other EM projects and programs. Comments on these draft graphics should be sent to Doug*.

Jan Brown affirmed the Project team’s interest in co-sponsoring field tours of the INEEL in late August/early September that would focus on the five key areas of contamination. An accompanying fact sheet/booklet would be developed for the specialized tour that would help the Conceptual Model Summary document and the Vadose Zone/Groundwater Roadmap make more sense and “come alive” to interested stakeholders. The four RC&D Councils that have to date demonstrated the most interest in the Water Integration Project will be contacted to assess their interest in cosponsoring these field trips. Jan has obtained the approval of Penny Phelps to work with Don Miley in arranging these project-oriented tours.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2002.

*Both documents may be obtained by contacting the appropriate team member.